We want you back!
Help us refine potential design concepts for the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Highway Covers. Make your voice heard at the second of three online open houses!

The highway covers have the potential to add economic value by supporting redevelopment that reconnects the community. An independent cover assessment team is working to develop three design scenarios for the highway covers, considering how to best reconnect the community, promote economic development, and meet the community’s vision for the new space. The proposed highway cover space could be used for affordable housing, local businesses, or community organizations and open spaces that reflect the historic Albina community – we want to hear from you on what you see as the most important opportunities.

How can I get involved?
We’re asking members of the community to help define options for what the future highway covers can look like and how they can function to reconnect the Lower Albina area. Your input will inform the development of the highway covers in pursuit of restorative justice and a diverse, inclusive, and accessible neighborhood.

The team is seeking direct input from community members from the historic Albina neighborhood and other stakeholders through a series of virtual work sessions and is inviting broader community input through online open houses, surveys, and public comment opportunities.

Attend Online Open House #2
Join us for the second of three online open houses from Monday, April 19 to Monday, May 10. The second of three online open house will review and refine potential cover concept scenarios created based on the vision we heard from you during the first round of engagement, assessing how each can support the community’s vision and restorative justice outcomes.

Share your vision:
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About the Independent Cover Assessment

Last year, in response to direction from the Governor and requests from project stakeholders, the Oregon Transportation Commission directed ODOT to retain a consultant team of local and national urban design, engineering, and environmental experts to conduct an independent assessment of the highway cover designs included in the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project. The requests from Metro, Multnomah County, City of Portland, Portland Public Schools and Albina Vision Trust shaped the creation of the independent assessment process. The goal for this independent team is to understand the vision and goals of stakeholders in the project area, generate potential highway cover scenarios, and assess the impacts and benefits of these scenarios.

With influence from the Historic Albina Advisory Board and guidance from the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project’s Executive Steering Committee, the Independent Cover Assessment Team is working directly with Black community members from historic Albina to understand how potential highway covers, delivered as part of the Rose Quarter Improvement Project, can rebuild the neighborhood and better serve the historic Albina Community.

About the Project

The I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project is committed to supporting a safer, more just and inclusive Albina community and greater Portland region. The project will make local, regional, and international travel more predictable and reduce frequent crashes on the I-5 corridor, supporting Oregon’s economy and it will enhance public spaces while supporting opportunities for economic development, including land redevelopment opportunities.

On I-5, the project will add auxiliary lanes and shoulders to improve travel reliability and safety and will smooth traffic flow between I-84 and I-405 where three interstates meet at the top traffic bottleneck in Oregon and 19th worst bottleneck in the nation. The project is led by the Oregon Department of Transportation. The Oregon State Legislature identified the project as a key transportation investment in 2017.

Learn more about the project and sign up for email updates at: www.i5rosequarter.org

Save the Date!

Online Open House #3: June 4 – June 21
The third and final open house will review final cover concept scenarios and rank each in relation to the community’s values and feasibility. Feedback from this open house will help develop the final recommendations for the design cover concepts.


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